

MR. STOCKWELL'S PRISONER.

**AN EXCITING CHASE ENDING IN A
FIGHT IN SIXTH AVENUE.**

**A Man Charged with Furnishing his Two
Perpetually Empty Houses at the Expense
of A. Weber, W. & J. Slonne, and Others,
Francis W. Robertson, of 27 Manner street,**

On Nov. 1, 1900, Mr. Robertson, 37 Monroe street, a middle-aged man, with a mustache, called on Jan. 10, as Albert Weber, the piano maker, testified, at Mr. Weber's office, and selected a piano for which he was to pay \$350 in installments. He gave as a reference Cudnie & Co., dealers in lamps, at 765 Broadway. Cudnie spoke of him in the highest terms. The piano was delivered to Mr. Robertson's street. On Monday where Robertson said he lived. On March 10 Mr. Weber sent over to collect the first installment. The house was empty.

On Nov. 1, 1890, according to W. & J. Sloan, Robertson selected \$413 worth of carpets at the price of 655 Broadway, giving as references J. Q. B. Clark, a carpenter, at 166 Broadway, and Cudnie & Co., Mr. Sloan carpeted 107 Magnolia street, and also a place at 166 Broadway, Williamsburgh, which Robertson said was his office. When he sent for his money Robertson was gone. Mr. Butler, it turned out on inquiry, had not only recommended Robertson, but had also sold him a piano. Robertson never paid.

On Feb. 1, Robertson representing himself as a member of the firm of Cudnie & Co., ordered \$146 worth of furniture of George A. Clarke of 765 Broadway. Mr. Clarke says he was never paid for it.

On Feb. 7 Robertson, being recommended by Cudnie & Co., got two folding chairs worth \$10. From the Marks Adjustable Chair Company, 166 Broadway, he ordered a chair. Cudnie & Co. also ordered a chair. For \$2,000 stock at 166 Broadway, Williamsburgh, he ordered a piano.

Robertson and Cudnie & Co. had disappeared. On Feb. 10, Mr. J. M. Fuller, 307 E. Fifth street, found Robertson, "a shaggy" found the man in Chatham square on Tuesday afternoon, and took him to his home at 166 Broadway, where a man, who identified him. He went up to him

and asked when he proposed to settle that bill. Robertson said that if Stockwell would go up town with him he would pay it. All three took a Broadway car and rode to University place and Twelfth street, where Stockwell proposed going over to the chair store. Robertson as-

Robertson suddenly said: "I guess I'll take it easy and go home. I don't want to be pursued him through Twelfth street and Fifth avenue to Eleventh street, and there caught by a bunch of knaves." He then withdrew, sympathized with Robertson, and helped him to get away. Robertson was followed again on Sixth avenue. Robertson seized a car rug, drove him off and ran up Sixth avenue. He was followed by a crowd of people on wheels. This was at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Robertson was followed by a crowd on Twelfth street, but Stockwell caught him at a side door. At this moment the shadow and Detective Fuller were in the middle of the street. The street cars were delayed by the excited crowd about him. Robertson was taken to the police station and kidnapped. A number of men believed him to be the man who had been kidnapped, and their fate. Finally a tall Irishman pressed through the crowd, and said to Detective Fuller: "He has swindled a number of men."

"Thin, bugars," said the Irishman, helping him to get away.

The crowd fell back before the big Irishman, and he was followed by a crowd of men, some of whom came up and arrested Robertson.

Mr. Weber, the Messrs. Sonne, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stockwell and Mr. William Carpenter came up at Jefferson Market yesterday, and he was remanded. Detective Fuller says that a number of men who were arrested in connection with operations like those the prisoner is accused of, were taken to the police station, and that where they store and sell the goods they obtain. People living near 166 Broadway, William

Another Murder Mystery in Lowell.
LOWELL, Mass., May 11.—A tragic mystery is bidding fair to rival in horror that of the trunk tragedy at Lynn, was unearthed in this city this afternoon. Loring Loker was employed to remove an accumulation of ashes, dirt and debris from the basement of Appleton street, which had been unused for about two years after going to some depth. Loker examined the partially filled receptacle and found a small, dark, rectangular box, containing a long, thin, pointed object, which he considered dead and having the long hair disconnected from the sides. Loker, who is a native of Lowell, and a well known citizen, both of whom have held many positions of honor in the city, immediately reported the discovery to the police. The police, who are now following a race running between Appleton and Winter streets, have been unable to locate the person who was there surreptitiously and deposited to conceal a crime.

Explosion of a Magazine.
LEADVILLE, Colo., May 11.—At 10 o'clock last night a building at the S. M. mine, on Hill, took fire. The flames communicated to the magazine, and a terrible explosion occurred, which shook every building in Leadville. The explosion was so violent that the ground was not being worked last night, and was deserted.

men exploded their anger at the monument near the place where John W. Stone and Paul Callahan were badly injured, and the others hurried to the scene from a long distance. Nobody was killed.

Unveiling the Cowpens Monument.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 11.—The Cowpens monument was unveiled here to-day in the presence of 20,000 people. Gov. Hargett of South Carolina presided and introduced the speakers. Thirteen hundred volunteers from the States of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas were reviewed by Gen. Henry Hunt, U. S. A. Speeches were made by Sen. J. Hampton, the Hon. Theo. W. Higginson, and others.

The Crèvecoeur at Atlantic, Va.

VICKSBURG, May 11.—The Captain of the

Brewery Burned.
DENVER, Col., May 11.—This afternoon the Rocky Mountain Brewery was completely destroyed by fire. The loss of the building and stock is estimated at some thirty or over sixtiethousand dollars. The insurance, which is distributed among about forty companies, covers about two-thirds of the loss.

Col. Scott Improving.
PHILADELPHIA, May 11.—Col. Scott was much improved to-day, and this evening was sitting up awhile. The hope of his physicians is that he will be strong

Joining Another Band.
On Friday, May 11—Homer Hamilton and Harold B. Smith, music instructors at the Lincoln High School, have left that society to join Cal. Wagner's orchestra.

The Signal Office Prediction.
Slightly warmer, fair weather, westerly winds, lower barometer.

JOYTINGS ABOUT TOWN.
Chas. Meardie, a two-year-old boy fell into Irwin's street, and the 14 in. underground on Tuesday.
Anne Flanagan, 2 years of age, slipped and pushed her head into her brother's bath tub and died.

On account of a descriptive limitation of estate interests, the United States Supreme Court has held that the estate of a decedent who has died testate is not subject to the provisions of the Federal estate tax law.

The *Savona*, one of the iron sidewheel steamers line for the Iron Steamship Company of this city, left today (Feb. 24), yesterday, to take her place on an exhibition boat to the West.

The death of Capt. Wm. of the Hamburg American Packet Company, in Hamburg, on the 24th of April, was reported by the liner. He died in the presence of Dr. Wm. Schmitt, and was buried in the cemetery of St. James Church in Hamburg yesterday.

James C. Hamilton yesterday left Capt. C. C. diendell of the White Star Steamship Co. in \$12,000 for the action of the United States, on charges of throwing a fellow from his vessel on the bay.

Surgeon-General has appointed Dr. J. B. Allen and C. C. Smith as assistant commissaries of the cavalry in the 1st Cavalry, and Dr. J. B. Allen as assistant commissary of the 1st Cavalry in the 1st Cavalry. The personal estate was valued at \$124,000.

The Twenty-second Ward branch of the Irish Land League will have a mass meeting in the main hall of the National club, at 10 o'clock, on Monday evening, the 22nd inst. James H. Phillips will make his last speech previous to his departure for Ireland. Mr. Shanahan, Dr. Mahon, Senator Foster, Dr. Ford, M. J. Connelley, ex-Senator in the U. S. senate, and Mr. J. J. Connelley, ex-Senator in the U. S. senate, will be the speakers. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock, on Monday evening, the 22nd inst.